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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM SOURCES DENY US ASKED ISRAEL TO

" COOL IT" ON JACKSON AMENDMENT

1. EVAN- NOVAK STORY OF MARCH 19 THAT ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR JACKSON AMENDMENT IS STRAINING US- ISRAELI RELATIONS WAS REPORTED IN SEVERAL ISRAELI PAPERS MARCH 20 ALONG WITH DENIALS ATTRIBUTED TO JERUSALEM SOURCES. JERUSALEM POST SAYS SOURCE " CLOSE TO MRS MEIR" CONFIRMED THAT QUESTION OF SOVIET JEWS DID COME UP DURING MRS MEIR' S MARCH 1 CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT DENIED THAT PRESIDENT MADE DEMAND WHICH EVANS- NOVAK STORY ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. SOURCE REPORTEDLY TOLD JERUSALEM POST THAT THE PRESIDENT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PRIME MINISTER' S CONCERN AND MERELY REITERATED HIS BELIEF IN QUIET DIPLOMACY.

2. ONE PAPER MARCH 20 ADDS THAT JERUSALEM SOURCES SAY ISRAEL WILL NOT INTERVENE IN SENATE DEBATE ON MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS FOR USSR AND RECALLS FONMIN EBAN' S MARCH 16 AIRPORT REMARK TO PRESS THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT ISRAEL NOT INTERFERE IN SENATE DEBATE, THIS BEING INTERNAL US AFFAIR. PAPER, HOWEVER, CLAIMS THAT SUBJECT OF JACKSON AMENDMENT HAS COME UP IN UNOFFICIAL US- ISRAELI TALKS.

3. SEVERAL PAPERS MARCH 20 DECLARE EDITORIALY THAT ISRAEL
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CANNOT GET INVOLVED IN INTERNAL SENATE- ADMINISTRATION DEBATE,
AND THAT EVEN IF IT WANTED TO, ISRAEL COULD NOT RESTRAIN
SENATOR JACKSON. PRESS ADDS AMENDMENT IS NOT BEING PROPOSED
SOLELY OUT OF SYMPATHY FOR ISRAEL, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF ANTI-
SOVIET SENTIMENT INSIDE CONGRESS, TRADE CONSIDERATIONS, AND
" HOSTILITY" BETWEEN CONGRESS AND WHITE HOUSE . PRESS LEAVES
LITTLE DOUBT, HOWEVER, ON WHICH SIDE ISRAELI SYMPATHIES LIE.
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